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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Tsuyoshi Nishiwaki et al.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action on the above-identified application dated December 01, 2005. The time period for response extends to March 01, 2006.

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